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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Clark et al.

Application No. 09/873,546

Filed: June 4, 2001

For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS
RELATED TO THE RIG TUMOR
SUPPRESSOR GENE AND PROTEIN

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Requirement for Restriction

The Office has set forth the following requirement for restriction:

- (i) claims 1-4, and 6-16, as directed to nucleic acids encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 5, classified in class 536, subclass 23.5;
- (ii) claim 5 as directed to an antibody directed against a portion of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 5, classified in class 530, subclass 387.1;
- (iii) claims 17-20 as directed to methods of detecting Rig polypeptide in a sample, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1;
- (iv) claims 21-28 as directed to methods of inhibiting cell growth *in vivo*, classified in class 514, subclass 44, and
- (v) claims 21, 22, and 24-27 as directed to methods of inhibiting cell growth *in vitro*, classified in class 435, subclass 455.

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